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FRENCH ARE TAKING LEAD AT VERDUN

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The Reports Today Indicate the French Have Made Substantial Gains in the Verdun Region—A German Offensive Is Impending on the Russian Front—Greeks in Mass Meeting Demand that Greece Join Entente Allies in the War—Gerard Will Be Given Germany's Reply to the American Demands on Thursday—More Russian Troops Arrive in France.

London, May 2.—Important gains were made in the French counter-offensive at Verdun, it was announced today. The French obtained possession of German trenches along three-fifths of a mile front on the north side of Dead Man's Hill and about five hundred yards deep. Five hundred yards of German first line trenches southeast of Douaumont were taken last night.

A German offensive, is said to be impending along the Russian line near Dvinsk.

An immense crowd gathered at a mass meeting of the Greek liberal party at Saloniki, demanding that Greece revert to the policies of former Premier Venizelos and join the ententes in the war.

Winding Up Dublin Affair.

[By Associated Press.]
Dublin, Ireland, May 2.—Soldiers are completing a thorough search of the city, which is now quiet, and it is hoped that within a short time they will account for the last of the snipers, a small band of which was shelled Monday afternoon. Train communication is still interrupted.

Ask Secretary to Resign.

[By Associated Press.]
London, April 2.—Premier Asquith in the House of Commons this afternoon said he hoped to give an early opportunity for the discussion of the motion calling for the resignation of Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland.

For Compulsory Enlistment.

[By Associated Press.]
London, May 2.—Premier Asquith

of wandering, they were found by the crew of a British ship and taken to land.

The Suffolk, a ship of 4854 tons, was last reported in maritime records as leaving Townsville, Australia, November 18 last, for Bowen, Australia.

"Is your son pursuing his studies at college?" "Yes; but he hasn't caught up with any of them yet."—Baltimore American.

Bix—"Can I trust you?" Dix—"Actions speak louder than words. Try me with \$10."—Boston Transcript.

announced in the House of Commons this afternoon that a bill will be introduced tomorrow for general and immediate conscription. He told the members that the total naval and military effort of the empire since the beginning of the war was five million men. He said the British army, including India, comprised eighty-three divisions.

More Russians Arrive.

[By Associated Press.]
Marseilles, May 2.—A further contingent of Russian troops arrived today at this port.

German Reply Thursday.

[By Associated Press.]
London, May 2.—An Amsterdam dispatch says the German answer to the American note will be delivered to Ambassador Gerard Thursday, but probably will not be the final reply. It is expected Germany will make counter proposals regarding the establishment of new rules for their submarine warfare. Ambassador Gerard returned to Berlin this morning. It is suggested in political circles that the King of Spain will be asked to mediate the question between the two countries.

French Repulsed.

[By Associated Press.]
Berlin, May 2.—(Bulletin)—The French attacks on the Verdun front east of the Meuse yesterday were repulsed in a fierce struggle at close quarters which lasted for several hours, the war office announced today.

NINETY THOUSAND WOMEN ON STRIKE

Ladies Garment Workers of New York Strike, Affecting Two Thousand Shops.

[By Associated Press.]

New York, May 2.—In retaliation for a lockout of sixty thousand workers on women's garments by the Manufacturers' Protective Association, the International Ladies Garment Workers Union today ordered a strike of all members in this city. It is estimated the order applies to ninety thousand persons and affects two thousand shops.

RESIDENCE FIRE.

Beautiful Home of Judge J. W. Doremus Badly Damaged.

At noon today the beautiful home of Judge and Mrs. J. W. Doremus on West Burleson Street caught fire and was badly damaged. One room on the second floor was almost completely burned up and much of the furniture, clothing and other household effects were burned. The remainder of the furniture was badly damaged by water and all the interior decorations were completely ruined. The Judge places his loss at about \$2500, which fortunately is covered by insurance. The firemen are entitled to much credit for their prompt work, for it was by their promptness and heroic efforts that the building was saved.

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UNITED STATES TROOPS NOT TO BE WITHDRAWN

This Was Made Plain at the Conference of United States and Mexican Generals Today. Obergon Asked for Another Conference to Consider Military Questions.

[By Associated Press.]
El Paso, Texas, May 2.—Generals Scott and Funston held an extended conference today with General Obregon over the amplified instructions sent from Washington in which the administration stated that no agreement could be reached based on any proposition for the withdrawal of the American troops. General Obregon then asked for a second conference to discuss the military questions between the two nations. The conference will probably be held at El Paso this afternoon and the indications are it would be the last one.

"What chance have I got with that girl? One of her admirers owns an automobile and the other has a motorboat." "Son, if she likes you, a trip to the movies would please her just as well."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

SHIPS CAUGHT IN ICE, CREW FROZE

Only Three Men Escaped From the Death Vessel—Two of These Likely to Succumb.

Halifax, N. S., May 2.—The fate of the captain and crew of the British steamship Suffolk, caught in the ice in the White Sea, while on her way to Archangel shortly before Christmas, with details of the suffering that resulted in the death of all but three of a crew of 27 and the suicide of the ship's captain, were related here Monday by sailors of the Newfoundland steamer Bellaventura, just in from Archangel.

The crew of the Bellaventura, which has been in Russian waters for more than a year, met and talked with the three survivors, only one of whom, a Finn, was physically able to recount his adventures. The other two were not expected to recover.

The Suffolk, supposedly with a cargo of war supplies, was caught in the ice of the White Sea with the first heavy freeze before the holidays. Heavy weather followed, the Finn said, and finally not only food, but fuel to keep the men from freezing was exhausted. Many of the men lost their minds and succumbed. The captain, crazed by the suffering of his men, whom he was unable to aid, committed suicide.

When only ten survivors remained they decided to try to reach land on foot. Taking the scanty provisions remaining they set forth on an 80 mile trip across the ice. A heavy blizzard set in and the party soon became scattered. Only three were able to stick together and, after days

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